

LITTLE DANCER'S  
FUTURE IN DISPUTE

Women Missionaries Try to Settle It, Each According to Her Own Ideas, and Court Interferes.

Laura Jane McDonald, fifteen years old, who has been a dancer and singer on the vaudeville stage, was today the subject of a warm controversy in the Myrtle Avenue Court, Brooklyn, between Mrs. Emilie McCreary and Miss Connelly, missionaries, who look after the interests of children in the Magistrate's courts.

The girl was in court, charged with having run away from Mrs. Susan B. McDonald, of No. 702 Skillman street, who disappeared April 13 and yesterday was found at the home of Mrs. Julia Cullen, No. 73 Spencer street.

The little dancer, who is pretty and intelligent, admitted that Mrs. McDonald had given her a good education, a stage career being designed for her. She appeared as a professional at several private entertainments and later went on the vaudeville stage. Owing to the fact that she was a minor it was difficult to keep her engagements.

This led to disagreements with Mrs. McDonald, Miss Laura declared, and she finally went her own way. The girl said that she was able to earn her own living and wanted to remain with Mrs. Cullen.

Miss Connelly, who is a Catholic, seconded this proposition, saying that Mrs. Cullen was thoroughly respectable and would care for the girl.

Miss McCreary, Mrs. McDonald and Rev. Charles W. King, pastor of the Willoughby Avenue Congregational Church, where the girl attended Sunday-school, argued in favor of sending the dancer to a Protestant institution.

The argument finally narrowed down to a controversy between the two missionaries, and became so animated that Magistrate Devoy mildly reproved them, adding that he would make a personal inquiry into the matter and give a decision later.

BACHELOR GIRLS'  
DANCE A SUCCESS.

First Entertainment of Unique Club Started by Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer Held in Their Club-Rooms.

The first entertainment of the Bachelor Girls' Club, organized some time ago under the auspices of Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer, was given Saturday evening at the club rooms, No. 31 West Fifth street.

A vaudeville programme, for which able professional talent was secured, was followed by a dance at which over 200 young men and women were present. The club room was effectively decorated with palms, cut flowers and American flags.

A reception committee consisting of Miss Anna McMullin, Miss May L. Murphy, Miss Lottie Birdsall, Miss Mary Lamb, Miss Helen Freer and Miss Elizabeth O'Brien received the guests. Supper was served after the dance.

This association of Bachelor Girls, organized for the purpose of bringing into cordial social relations the self-supporting young women of New York, now numbers sixty-three members and new applications for membership are coming in with every mail.

The majority of the young women who have joined the club are typewriters, stenographers or saleswomen in the large stores and they have all expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Ayer's efforts in bringing them together.

The initiation fee of the club is \$2 and \$1 a month thereafter is paid to meet the expenses of entertainments. The girls meet on Thursday of every week for lectures, music or some similar diversion.

Next Thursday there will be a most interesting talk on astrology.

TWO CELEBRITIES  
AT FAR ROCKAWAY.

Lillian Russell and ex-Police Commissioner Murphy, by Getting There at Same Time, Make Things Busy.

Lillian Russell and ex-Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy made things busy with the freight handlers at Far Rockaway today. Both arrived to take up their summer residences.

The comic opera queen had thirty-two trunks, as many boxes and cases and a cartful of horses and another car of carriages.

But the ex-police Commissioner twitted fair Lillian as he reproachfully pointed to her assortment of carriages and said: "Wait until my victoria is unpacked. It'll make the waves roll back."

Miss Russell, when asked how she intended to spend her vacation, said: "Oh, I shall spend the time driving and playing tennis—and bathing—bathing a great deal."

"And I shall lead the sedate and quiet life in my victoria which becomes me," said Col. Murphy.

## SUICIDE ON A TOWBOAT.

William Hurd Hange Himself from Roof of Cabin.

William Hurd, thirty years old, captain of the towboat Andrew Jackson, committed suicide today by hanging himself from the roof of the cabin of the boat, which is lying at the foot of Pier 15 in the North River.

PING-PONG TOURNAMENT  
LEAVES BUT TWO RIVALS.

Brooklyn Contest Narrows Down to T. B. Jones and Mr. Lyons, the Representative of the Cathedral Club.

After nine days of hard fighting the first open ping-pong tournament in this country will come to an issue to-night. Seventy-two Brooklyn men have contested for the blue ribbon—and a silver trophy—and for more than a week their battles have been watched by from fifty to two hundred enthusiastic ping-pongers, men and women.

Saturday evening narrowed the contest to two men, both young, spry and brainy in their play. To-day they are to meet in a combat that is expected to be hotly contested from start to finish.

The two men are T. B. Jones, who has gained his skill with the racket in playing in a Nassau street establishment in Manhattan, and F. T. Lyons, called the best player of the Cathedral Club, in Brooklyn.

The Evening World suggested two weeks ago, there has been reason from the start for expecting Mr. Jones to come out near the top. He has been a burlesque of the contestants of little skill, but as it has happened has had to fight his way up by meeting some of the best players in the seventy-two. His last bout Saturday was a royal one with H. Carleton, of the Crescent Athletic Club, and Jones won only by maintaining a strong batting average, so to speak.

Schools Are Disappointed. When the end of the tournament came in sight Saturday the representatives of the various Brooklyn schools met disappointment. Youths from the Polytechnic, the Adelphi, the Boys' High and the Heffley had entered in high hopes of winning prizes, but with one exception all had been bowled out by canny players. The survivor was G. T. Moore, of the Polytechnic, who played in the fourth round but not in the semi-finals.

There has been a deal of side betting on the result of to-day's match, and undoubtedly a considerable sum of money will change hands when the result is announced at Abraham & Straus's where the tournament has been held. The betting has been due to the fact that several men who early anticipated T. B. Jones's skill found that there was a strong sentiment of antagonism to him among many of the other players of slight prowess. Working on this feeling, the men who knew his play obtained many wagers. To-day the odds are heavily on him, although Mr. Lyons is a cool and calculating player. Lyons has been ill recently and is not perhaps in best form, while Jones on the other hand is somewhat handicapped by the supply of soft balls furnished for the tournament. These are all right for the ordinary run of players, but for men with a fast serve a hard ball, such as the best English makes, is necessary for good results. Lyons is somewhat troubled by the soft balls also, but not to so great an extent, as he does not rely so much on speed.

The semi-finals in the tournament brought together Saturday for the first match E. H. Lockwood, of No. 30 South

Sharpshooting Watchman Brings Down a Burglar.

Fired Through Hole in Store Window Broken by Marauder and Disabled His Man.

Naval target practice stood in good stead to William H. Curtin, watchman at Rogers, Peet & Co.'s store at the corner of Broadway and Thirteenth street, under brought woe, pain and captivity to a man who gave the name of Bernard Doogan when arrested by the Mercer street police.

Before dawn to-day, Curtin, who was in the store, looked in, heard the sound of breaking glass in the front, where there are big deep showcases outside the window. Peering over the wooden partition he saw a man cautiously drawing a coat through the hole he had made in the glass.

Curtin could not get into the window without removing several glass shelves and the thief heard the noise. He dropped the coat and started running. Here is where Curtin's gun practice came in. He is an old sailor who fought under Commander Clark on the Oregon at Santiago, and in his hand he had a forty-four calibre Colt's.

He dropped on one knee, and, taking quick aim, fired through the hole in the

glass made by the thief and struck him where he intended, in the left leg. The heavy bullet smashed the bone and Doogan lay groaning on the sidewalk. He made feeble efforts to get up, but a word from Curtin, who still covered him from the window, discouraged the idea. Curtin was prepared to stay there till daylight, but Policeman Hurligan, of the Mercer street station, soon arrived.

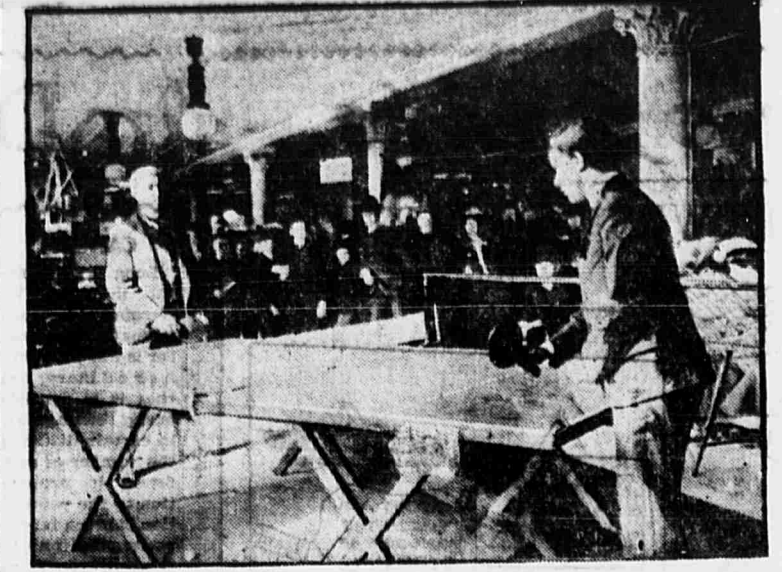
Doogan was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital by Surgeon Gates, badly wounded and a prisoner.

DEFENDS HER ZAZA HAIR. Mrs. Ferner Accused of Dragging Neighbor by the Scalp Lock.

"She bent my face in and then pulled me a city lock by my hair," said Mrs. Catherine Wilbur, of No. 229 Oakley street, Long Island, in the Long Island Police Court this morning, pointing to Mrs. Margaret Ferner, who lives next door.

It seems that Mrs. Ferner had accused Mrs. Ferner of dragging her hair so that it would have a Zaza hue. Then her hair started.

The Judge continued the case to get more evidence.



MESSRS. BRADFORD AND KEARNEY PRACTISING AT PING-PONG TOURNAMENT.

## LET OTHERS KNOW.

Ping-Pong players are requested to send to the Ping-Pong Editor, Evening World, accounts of tournaments, announcements of coming contests, special matches, unusual scores and other matters of interest.

Portland avenue, a member of one of Brooklyn's wealthiest families and a ping-pong player of repute in society, and W. F. Cooper, Mr. Lockwood is an old tennis player who plays a steady forehand game, and he drowns Mr. Cooper, who has a similar style of play, to the tune of 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. Cooper used a soft leather-faced racket and Lockwood a rubber one. Of those who came out at the top in this tournament all but two were rubber-faced rackets. The two final contestants played with hardwood, displacing even the sand-paper faces of other champions.

The next match was between Lyons and J. G. Myers, who fell an easy victim in 6-2, 6-3, A. B. Codet, by good forehanding play, then defeated G. T. Moore, a tennis player of skill, by 7-5 after a "five-all" game.

In the next match Jones led R. W. Sexton to the slaughter in 6-2, 6-3. The semi-finals then began, with Carleton and Lockwood battling for supremacy. Mr. Lockwood won one game, but lost the match, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Lyons then defeated Codet in 6-4, 6-1, following which two giants came together—Jones and Carleton.

It was a narrow battle, and Carleton won the first set by masterly play in 6-3. Jones rallied here, but had a hard fight for the second set, which he took by 7-5 after a "five-all" game. The third set he won handily, having gotten into his pace, by 6-2.

It was a pleasure to see the two men play. Varying widely in their methods, they were still evenly matched. Jones played a long-arm, long-distance game, with a straight, hard serve, while Carleton used his forearm only and was playing over the table most of the time. He met the hardest shots with a half-volley that sent the ball back to Jones before he could fairly recover and get ready for it. Mr. Carleton's play seems clumsy, but he does not let it so, and gets in some very canny strokes.

First and second prize cups will be awarded to the players of to-day's match, and a consolation cup has been provided for the men who have played the winner. This match will be run off next Saturday.

The first ping-pong tournament of the Cathedral Club, No. 34 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, resulted in a victory for T. B. Jones. The entries included twenty-six of the best players of the club and the tournament was masterly for three weeks, the play being on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The players were divided into three classes, B and C. The men in C class were allowed fifteen

points over the men in B, and thirty points over the men in A. The B class men allowed the men in C class fifteen points, and were themselves allowed fifteen points by the A class. The A class men were divided proportionately. Excluding play in each class seemed to be the feature. In one game in particular, of class A, between Messrs. Lyons and O'Keefe, the ball crossed the net over 150 times before a point was scored. John F. Hogan came out second.

Trinity Chapel School. The first ping-pong tournament of Trinity Chapel School was held Saturday, and resulted in the victory of Leigh Lynch and Osborn Saxton in the doubles and Patrick Driggs in the singles. Parker Reid 1902 was handily defeated by a love set in the Junior championship, which was won by Frank Wynosky. Three hundred and fifty persons witnessed the games. The cup won by Lynch and Saxton is on exhibition at the trophy room of the school.

Morris Paster won the championship of the Young People's League of Puritan Church, Brooklyn, by defeating S. L. Wilcox in the final. Only three sets were necessary. Paster winning the entire three in 6-0, 6-2, 6-0.

The past week saw the development of some dark horses among the members of the Morris Ping-Pong Club, Otto Domitson and L. E. Begering played together the first time on Friday with the resulting victory for the former, 6-4, 12-10, 6-4.

For Match Game. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gensadil met Miss Josephine Melike and Mr. Harry J. Murphy in a match game of ping-pong. The winners of the above-named teams will play a series of three games with Miss C. N. Cumberland and Mr. John Maurine. The games are to be played to-day at the residence of Mr. Roger Conner. All friends are invited.

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